

## The Battle-Cry

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"So Little Nash is a-layin' dead down thar, an' no McBriar durstn't venture down ter fetch his body home."

He waved a hand toward the west, and the faces of his escort lowered. They seemed the faces of men who "durst" go anywhere, but their chief went on.

"I knowed, Brother Talbott, that ye sarks Almighty God, an' that thar hain't no word ye carries but what all men will listen ter ye, so I've done come ter ye in behalf of Little Nash's maw, an' his wimmenfolks. I 'lowed I'd ask ye of ye'd ride down thar and fetch home ther body?"

The missionary nodded, and though he was travel-stained and very tired, he said: "I'll start right now."

Then Milt McBriar continued: "An' ef ye sees fit, ye kin tell Anse Harvey that I hain't a suin' fer peace, but that I hain't a-blam'n' him nuther, an' that ef he wants ther truse ter go on I'm a-willin' ter hev hit thetaway. I hain't hold'n' no grudge on account of last night."

Juanita's eyes grew a little misty as she thought of that desolated cabin where a mother and sisters were grieving for the boy who had been "hot-headed." Even the sight of his older kinsman, who sat his horse with such composure while his eyes wandered off to the purple haze of the far mountains, stirred in her an emotion of sympathy.

Of course she knew nothing of the ten acres of "bottom land" which were to be Little Nash's when Cal Douglas should have ceased to breathe, nor how it was covetousness and cold thrift that sent him out with his rifle in the night. She only heard the McBriar say, "I'm much obliged;" and saw him turn his cavalcade east.

The tired missionary started his mule west again, and she herself followed the Widow Everson into the cabin which was for the time to be her

home. When the widow left her she rummaged in her saddlebags and drew out a small leather case. She sat for a long while silent in her shuck-bottomed rocking chair, gazing wearily out at the west, where sunset fires were beginning to kindle, and where an old-rose haze was drowsing over the valley and glowing more brightly in the twisting ribbon of a far-away stream. But her eyes came often back from the panorama out there to dwell a little wistfully on a photograph in the leather frame.

It was the picture of the man she had sent away. Had he himself been there just then, with her courage at ebb-tide, and had he stretched out his arms, she would have shaken her head wearily on abstract resolves and come



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into their embrace. But he was not there.

In the quaint conversation of the Widow Everson and her sons Juanita found so much of the amusing that she had to school herself against too great an appreciation of their utterly unintentional humor. Though she was a "fetched-on woman" to be taken on probation, it was only a matter of hours before the family capitulated, as people in general had a fashion of doing under the spell of her graciousness and charm. Jerry Everson, whom men accounted surly, for the first time in years brushed his shapeless hat and remembered not to "hang it on the floor," and Sim Everson hid him into the misty woods at dawn and brought home squirrels for her first breakfast in his house.

In the forenoon of her first day she left the house and, crossing the tiny garden where the weeds were already growing tall and rank enough to hint

of future ragged victory, she made her way by a narrow trail that led to the crest of the ridge.

Juanita was steering her course for a patriarchal poplar that sent a straight shaft heavenward at the rim of the crest, opening its verdure like a great flag, unfurled on a mighty parapet. She knew that up there she could look two ways across the divide and that her battleground would be spread before her.

She looked to the east, and line after line of hills melted into the sky. She looked to the west, and there, too, they rose, phalanx on phalanx, to dissolve in a smoky haze that effaced the horizon. It seemed as if in a majesty of relentlessness they reached from sunrise to sunset, and so, as far as the locked-in life of their people went, they might.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT REMBERT.

Miss Atkinson Entertains Teachers—Rembert School Has Good Attendance—Much Wheat Planted.

Rembert, Nov. 29.—Miss Courtenay Atkinson entertained a few friends Friday night, most of them being the teachers in the surrounding communities. Among those present were Misses Weisinger, Thompson, Lenoir, Keels, Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jackson, Messrs. Walter Lenoir, Sam Shirer, Dr. W. A. Alston, R. E. Atkinson.

After various games and pastimes, with the rendering of splendid music by the ladies, refreshments were served, when each went away, thanking the hostess for a pleasurable social evening.

Quite a company of young folks from and near Kingstree ran up in their cars Saturday and spent the week-end with Miss Courtenay Atkinson. They were Miss Leila Ferguson, Mrs. McClary, Mr. D. B. McCullough and Mr. Cook.

The Rembert High School is doing good work this year under the supervision of Misses Ferguson and Atkinson. The enrollment is fifty, with average attendance of forty-five.

The pupils of Stateburg school are practicing for a Tom Thumb wedding. Miss Lou Ferguson spent Thanksgiving with her sister, near Salters. A box party was given Friday night at the home of Mrs. Jenkins of Rembert for the benefit of McLeod's church.

Miss Sallie Ledingham, of Bishopville, is visiting at the home of S. W. Allen.

Misses Kate Lenoir, of Camden, and Rosa Weisinger, Stateburg, spent the week-end with Miss Courtenay Atkinson.

We regret that Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jackson are soon to move from our community.

A large party from Hagood went down to Allendale Thanksgiving to attend the marriage of Mr. Stoncy Sanders and Miss Flowers.

Miss Viola Spencer, after a very agreeable and extended visit to Marlboro, where she was "wined and dined," has returned home.

Mrs. W. J. Spencer goes this week to visit her daughter, Mrs. McClellan, at McClellanville. Mrs. Spencer's health has not been good lately. We hope the trip may be very beneficial.

Yesterday, Sunday, November 28, wound up the conference year at Bethesda M. E. church with all claims in full, I think.

More wheat is planted here than was last year. The high price of fertilizer is almost prohibitive.

"Hagood."

### THIEVES AT ELLOREE.

Dispensary Robbed and Then Set on Fire.

Orangeburg, Nov. 30.—A robbery took place at Elloree Sunday night when the dispensary there was broken into by thieves and the building set on fire. Dispenser H. W. Bookhardt resided above the dispensary and the fire was discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. H. S. Holman of the Orangeburg county dispensary board and clerks from the county dispensary here went to Elloree today to check up the stock of goods at that dispensary to ascertain just how much had been stolen. As yet the robbers have not been apprehended.

### CONTRACT LET FOR SCHOOL.

Florence to Have New Building Soon.

Florence, Nov. 29.—The contract for the erection of Florence's additional new school building was awarded today to the Taylor Waters Construction Company, of Columbia. The contract was for \$25,395. There were nine bidders and the bids ranged from the above amount to \$30,928.38, by an Atlanta firm. The heating and ventilating was awarded to the Eichberger Heating Company, of Atlanta, for \$2,787. Work is to begin at once and the building completed by August 1, 1916. The building will be erected on what is known as the Jarrott Park site, in East Florence.

## CONFERENCE OPENS SESSION.

BISHOP COLLINS DENNY, OF RICHMOND, PRESIDING OFFICIAL.

Appointment of Committees and Other Business Occupies Meeting—Characters of Ministers Passed—Committee on Charities Reports.

Charleston, Dec. 2.—The one hundred and thirtieth session of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock in Trinity church.

Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, is the presiding Bishop. It has ever been the practice to open these conferences with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Bishop Denny administered this sacrament and was assisted by the Revs. Albert D. Betts, Peter Stokes, W. A. Massebeau and W. B. Duncan.

The Rev. E. O. Watson, D. D., for many years secretary, called the roll and practically every clerical member was present. The attendance of laymen was small. These rarely attend on first days, however, and by this morning's session the laymen will be here in the usual numbers. Dr. Watson was again named as secretary and he nominated the following assistants: H. G. Hardin and W. V. Dibble.

The Rev. A. J. Cauthen, of Dillon, was elected statistical secretary and named the Rev. J. H. Noland, the Rev. W. A. Beckham and the Rev. E. S. McCoy as assistants.

The Rev. H. B. Browne, secretary of the Bishop's Cabinet, announced the following committees:

Public Worship—Dr. J. W. Daniel, S. B. Harper, Henry P. Williams.

Conference Relations—W. H. Atrial, Thos. G. Herbert, J. C. Davis, W. E. Wiggins, R. R. Doyle, J. B. Weldon.

District Conference Journals—W. V. Dibble, D. M. Borrentine, W. H. Perry, W. S. Meyers, T. W. Godbold, M. F. Dukes.

Books and Periodicals—W. H. Hodges, E. E. Hodges, J. T. Mullinix, T. J. White, A. D. Bates, J. T. McFarlane.

Temperance—Charlton DuRant, G. S. Ingram, B. G. Gregg, W. P. Way, Geo. H. Bates, W. F. Cross.

Sabbath Observance—J. P. Inabnet, J. T. Peeler, J. A. White, E. C. Coskrey, J. M. Moss, J. A. Lewis.

Memoirs—Jno. B. Wilson, memoir of D. A. Calhoun; J. M. Rogers, memoir of W. C. Winn; P. B. Ingram, memoir of A. W. Jackson; S. B. Harper, memoir of G. C. Hupthchison.

Vacancies on Boards—Board of Missions, T. G. Herbert, vice E. S. Jones; board of education, B. G. Murphy, vice M. Auld.

Committee of First Year—S. O. Cantey, vice H. Etheredge.

The Conference sessions will begin at 9:30 a. m. and adjourn at 1 o'clock.

The venerable Bishop, A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, is a visitor and his presence was announced by Bishop Denny. Bishop Wilson was retired by the last General Conference on account of age. In late years he has presided frequently over the South Carolina Conference. He is quite feeble, but will preach Sunday morning in Bethel church.

Bishop Denny announced the following transfers from the upper South Carolina Conference: Dr. W. W. Daniel, president of the Columbia Woman's College; S. W. Gantt, D. O. Spires, A. M. Gardner, S. O. Cantey, C. S. Felder, J. A. Campbell, J. K. Inabnet, J. W. Elkins, F. W. Dibble.

There are several members of the upper Conference visiting this Conference and, on motion of C. C. Derrick, they were given the privileges of the floor. Among the visitors are the Rev. J. O. Willson, D. D., of Greenville; the Rev. Walter I. Herbert, recently appointed presiding elder of the Cokesbury district, and the Rev. Jno. W. Speake, of Anderson.

Question 22 was called—"Are all the preachers blameless in the lives and administration?" The presiding elders were called and their character passed and reports made—the Revs. J. W. Daniel, Charleston district; W. A. Massebeau, Florence district; H. B. Browne, Kingstree district; R. H. Jones, Marion district; M. L. Banks, Orangeburg district; H. W. Rays, Sumter district.

Dr. E. O. Watson moved that a committee on resolutions, to which all resolutions should be submitted, be appointed. Bishop Denny appointed on this committee the Revs. E. O. Watson, S. B. Harper and C. C. Derrick.

The class of the first year was called and the following having passed approved examinations were advanced to the class of the second year: G. C. Gardner, W. R. Phillips, B. S. Knight, J. E. Cook, J. E. Ford, Wm. G. Elwell.

An interesting address was made by Dr. Jno. W. Gilbert, a negro, in the interest of Lane College, Augusta. This is an institution owned and maintained by the Southern Methodist Church. Dr. Gilbert is a product of this college and now occupies a chair

in the college. He is a very bright man and an accomplished scholar. He has traveled extensively. He accompanied Bishop Lambuth on a recent missionary tour into the heart of Africa. He has the Southern white man's viewpoint on the race question and is highly esteemed by the leaders of the Methodist church. The late Mrs. Wightman, widow of Bishop Wightman, thought so highly of Dr. Gilbert that she gave to him the larger part of the Bishop's library. Dr. Gilbert spoke interestingly for a half hour in the interest of Lane college and took a collection. Bishop Denny suggested that as the collection was for a negro college it should be taken negro fashion, and the contributors went up and placed their offerings on the table.

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock the Rev. J. S. Beasley preached.

### SESSION TO AID FARMERS.

Fletcher Summons National Marketing Committee to Meet in Charleston.

Washington, Nov. 30.—In an effort to devise means to aid the farmer, a meeting of the national marketing committee has been called by the chairman of that organization, Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida, for the week of the Southern Commercial congress convention in Charleston early next month.

Plans to improve Southern farming and increase the profits from agriculture by improving the machinery for the distribution and marketing of farm crops will be discussed by the national marketing committee.

The committee seeks to devise means to enable the farmer to know the best manner, place and time to market his crop and also to enable the consumer to distinguish between the high cost of food and the high cost of service.

The National League of Commission Merchants will send a delegation to Charleston for the convention week. The Association of Southern Commissioners of Agriculture and the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association have been called to meet at the same time and place.

Senator Fletcher will preside at the different sessions of the congress. "The special train to Charleston carrying many prominent men will leave here Sunday," he said. "And a successful meeting is in sight."

### SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS.

J. M. Chandler Estimates Damage by Fire at Fifty Per Cent. of \$25,000 Stock.

J. M. Chandler stated today, after a fuller examination of his stock of goods, that he had on hand a stock estimated at a value of at least \$25,000 and that his loss by fire, water and bricks falling in on the stock and fixtures of approximately fifty per cent. of the stock. Mr. Chandler is now waiting for an adjustment of his losses with the insurance companies before he can re-open his business.

### NEAR FIRE AT DURANT STORE.

Hardware Company Has Hole Burned in Floor Near Stove During Night.

What might have resulted in another disastrous fire for Sumter was discovered this morning when the DuRant Hardware Company store was opened. During the night fire had caught in the floor near the stove and a hole about a foot square was burned. However, the fire seemed never to have caught into a blaze, but only charred and was still smoldering when discovered. Had there been a draught it is probable that the fire might have been a repetition of the O'Donnell & Company fire of last week. Fortunately there was no draught and the fire did not spring into a blaze and was discovered before it did much damage. The fire caught from a small box of sawdust placed by the stove and used as a spittoon. It is supposed that some one threw a cigarette or cigar stump into this box and it caught the box and subsequently the flooring.

### COTTON FIRE AT ANDERSON.

Farmer Loses Thirty-seven Bales, With No Insurance.

Anderson, Nov. 29.—William G. Stevenson, a well-known farmer of this county, lost thirty-seven bales of cotton by fire this afternoon, representing half of his crop. It is said that the blaze was caused by a boy striking a match while standing near cotton piled in the yard.

High winds blew the blaze until the cotton was enveloped in flames. The loss is about \$2,500, with no insurance.

### Atlanta Man Injured.

Manning Times.

On last Wednesday, Ashburn Blackwell suffered a serious accident, one of his arms being badly mangled in E. E. Smith's gin at Atlanta and it was necessary to amputate it, after which tetanus developed. Mr. Blackwell is now in a critical condition.

## THE ENGROSSING CLERKS.

ATTORNEY GENERAL FILLS DEPARTMENT POSITIONS.

Three Men and Thirteen Women to Transcribe Bills for General Assembly During Session.

Columbia, Dec. 2.—Thomas H. Peeples, attorney general, made the following appointments yesterday of engrossing department clerks for the legislative session opening January 11 next:

J. C. Townsend, chief clerk, Columbia; Miss Dolly Arthur, Columbia; Miss Ruby DuRant, Bishopville; Miss Jessie Hughes, Union; B. R. Legge, Charleston; Miss Effie McTaggart, Florence; Miss Annette Parrott, Bishopville; Miss Rosa Rich, Blackville; Miss Reba Sanders, Marion; Miss Kate A. Schroeder, Abbeville; Miss Harriet Stroman, Bethune; Miss Virginia Simkins, Edgefield; Miss Flora Tobin, Allendale; W. L. Gleaton, Springfield; Mrs. Otelia Schumpert, Columbia; Miss Laura R. Smith, Anderson.

Chief Clerk Townsend said last night:

"This department, which is under the control of the attorney general's office, wishes to state that there have been a great number of applicants for these positions and it has been impossible of course to favor all of the applicants; that the appointments here made were considered from the point of qualification and distribution of appointments throughout the State, as nearly as the same could be followed, taking into consideration the appointments heretofore made for previous sessions. The policy of this department, during its present administration, has been to keep within the limits of the appropriations made for this purpose for previous years, notwithstanding the increase of the volume of work from year to year."

### CHANGES IN RAILWAY.

President Wolfe Announces Promotions in Orangeburg System.

Orangeburg, Dec. 1.—Changes in the officials of the Orangeburg railway have been announced by William C. Wolfe, president of this system. C. J. Field has been appointed assistant to the president and entered upon the discharge of his duties this morning. Mr. Field has been eminently successful as manager of this railroad for the past three years and deserves the promotion that he received. W. A. Gore has been appointed vice president and general manager of the Orangeburg railway and took charge of his office today. The new general manager is an experienced railroad man, having served as chief dispatcher, trainmaster and finally superintendent of the second division of the Seaboard Air Line railway. When the Borsal lines were commenced Mr. Gore was transferred to that work and was made superintendent of the Charleston, Atlantic & Western railroad. Mr. Gore and his family will be welcomed to Orangeburg.

### TILLMAN TO CHARLESTON.

Will Visit City While Fleet is in Port.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator Tillman has returned to his post at the capitol, being one of those present at the first day's session of the Democratic caucus of the senate last Monday.

The senator is occupying the same suite of offices as chairman of the naval committee that he has occupied since the control of the senate passed from the hands of the Republicans. These offices are on the gallery floor of the senate wing of the capitol, the committee room being within a few feet of the senate chamber, and the senator's private office, back of the committee room, commanding an admirable view of the east front of the capitol building and of the plaza and grounds which it overlooks.

Senator Tillman will visit Charleston during the "navy days" of the Southern Commercial Congress, and Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, paymaster general of the navy, will be his companion on the trip.

Mr. B. R. Tillman, Jr., is the present clerk of the senate naval committee, having succeeded Mr. J. Proudd Knight in that position when Mr. Knight became clerk of the Western Federal Judicial District of South Carolina. As clerk of the committee Mr. Tillman is preparing data for a new edition of the Navy Year Book. Mr. C. Granville Wyche, of Prosperity, S. C., is again with Senator Tillman in a secretarial capacity. Mrs. Tillman and Miss Tillman accompanied the senator to Washington, and will probably spend the winter with him at the Dewey Hotel.

Now is the time to be extremely cautious of fire. Household should see that their chimneys are clean before making big winter fires and merchants should keep trash from accumulating in or out of their places of business.

## PROFIT FROM STABLE MANURE.

Keep Manure in Dry Stall Until Spring, Then Apply it Lightly to Cotton Lands.

Clemson College, Dec. 1.—In view of the present high prices of commercial sources of potash, farmers should take special pains to keep and apply their stable manure in such a way as to get the greatest benefit from this valuable product. The liquid manure, which is often permitted to go to waste, is even more valuable for plant food than the solid and farmers should be careful to use good bedding to save this part of the manure.

In a forthcoming bulletin on potash and its sources, T. E. Keitt, chemist of the South Carolina Experiment Station at Clemson College, says of methods of keeping and applying manure:

"Under ordinary farm conditions it is not practicable to haul out manure every day and apply it to a field that is soon to be planted. When manure is hauled out it is desirable to have it incorporated with the soil immediately. Under present conditions it is best to conserve manure until spring and apply it to cotton land in very light applications.

"The best way for the average farmer to handle his manure is to permit it to accumulate in the stall being careful to keep the stall dry and well littered. The animal will pack the manure by tramping it and it keeps best when packed. The litter will absorb the liquid manure.

"We should advise its application to cotton land in the drill when the land is 'laid off.' Applications may be as light as one ton per acre. One ton of manure running 0.6 per cent potash contains as much potash as 100 pounds of kainit or the potash content of 300 pounds of an 8-4-4 fertilizer."

### FREEZ DIES FROM WOUNDS.

Greenville, Dec. 1.—David Freez, the striker who was stabbed early Saturday morning in a melee at Judson mills, died Wednesday morning at a hospital as a result of the severe wounds received.

The coroner's inquest will be held Thursday morning. Eleven men are accused of having taken part in the fight Saturday, although to date there has been no coherent story of the riot which occurred before daylight. Four of the men are in jail while seven have been released on bond.

### CHARLESTON PLANT DESTROYED.

Woodstock Hardwood and Spool Manufacturing Company Suffers Severe Loss by Flames.

Charleston, Nov. 30.—Fire originating in the woodworking department of the main building at noon yesterday completely destroyed the plant of the Woodstock Hardwood and Spool Manufacturing company on Centre street. The building and machinery were valued at \$25,000 and insured for \$15,000. A motor truck valued at \$1,500, which was standing near the building, was a total loss and uninsured.

The lumber sheds connected with the plant were a total loss, but two warehouses and a dry kiln nearby were saved, one warehouse being slightly damaged on the roof.

When the fire started, from defective wiring, it is believed, all the employees of the factory had just stopped work to go to dinner and there were few people in the building when the flames began their rapid spread. So rapidly did the fire gain headway that it was impossible to even save important papers in the office, which was in the end furthest from the apparent centre of origin.

### Big Reserve for Oconee County.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 1.—The federal government today began proceedings here to condemn 20,000 acres of mountain land in Oconee county to be reserved as a national forest. More than 8,500 notices will be served on persons in all parts of the United States and Canada.

Some of the deeds, dating back to 1780, involved portions of the original estate of John C. Calhoun, Attorneys from New York and Philadelphia are looking after eastern interests.

The Christmas goods are being opened up by the merchants all along Main street and are a most attractive lot. Many of the stores are already decorating their windows for the Christmas season, while others have not yet commenced beautifying their places for the season to attract customers.

The receipt of taxes for November, 1915, was not nearly so large as in 1914, owing to the fact that last year the railroads paid their taxes during that month and this year they did not. The total receipts by the county treasurer during November 1915 amounted to \$6,781.25.